

RFQ (Streetcar District Art Series, Sculpture #2) - DUE: May 15, 5:00p Artist In The Community - 20150387

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Certification

The undersigned has read the RFQ and assures compliance with those terms. -I certify that I am a resident of the State of Ohio. -I certify that I have successfully completed installations with budgets of at least \$5,000. The undersigned hereto gives this assurance in consideration for consideration for this RFQ through the Greater Columbus Arts Council.

Signature of Authorizing Official

Signature of Contact Person

Date

Date

Application Start Date

Tue Apr 28 23:02:25 -0400 2015

Application Submitted Date

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Letter of Interest (NDC)

Dear Selection Committee,

A new piece of artwork in the Streetcar District is an excellent way to foster interest and honor the history of the Livingston Avenue corridor. I am delighted to submit my qualifications to create a new piece of work for Livingston Park!

As an interdisciplinary artist with a focus in sculpture and a background in design, I have been working on large scale installations for fourteen years. For site specific commissions, I begin the process by researching the parameters provided by the commissioning agency. This includes the investigation of the site physically, historically, and conceptually to gain an understanding that will ultimately guide me both consciously and unconsciously. Working within the parameters provided by the site, surrounding architecture, and the people inhabiting the space is of utmost importance. My objective is to create a connection between the piece, the environment in which it lives, and the people moving within its presence. Lastly, I create work that requires very little maintenance and is designed to maintain its relevance many years in the future. It is important that the piece be as timeless as possible, with respect to not only the concept but the materials, as well.

Most recently, I received a commission from the Dayton Metropolitan Library in Dayton, Ohio to create a site specific sculpture that will be suspended in the interior of the Northwest Branch. The project completion date is December 2015. Additionally, I am currently working collaboratively with MKSK Studios, an urban planning and landscape architecture firm, to design a gateway sculpture for Franklinton, a neighborhood in Columbus, Ohio. The project completion date is 2016. In 2012, I completed a sculpture commissioned by the Lincoln Motor Company for the North American International Auto Show.

I am well practiced in the complexities involved with designing and fabricating large, interior and exterior artwork. My Fine Art background and fabrication experience as a designer makes me an excellent choice for the creation of a site specific and one of a kind artwork for the Livingston Park Streetcar project. Please consider my qualifications for this project, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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EDUCATION

- 2012** **Columbus College of Art and Design** - Columbus, Ohio
Master of Fine Arts. Major: Visual Arts
- 2004** **Ohio State University, Fisher College of Business** - Columbus, Ohio
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Major: Marketing
- 1997** **Art Institute of Pittsburgh** - Pittsburgh, PA
Associate Degree in Specialized Technology. Major: Industrial Design

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2015** "The University of Toledo 9th Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition," Toledo, OH, May 07, 2015–May 07, 2016.
Juror: The University of Toledo
- "Allegany National Photographic Competition and Exhibition," Cumberland, MD, April 10–May 02, 2015.
Juror: Kenneth Garrett, National Geographic Photographer
- "ImageOHIO 15," Columbus, Ohio, January 20–February 20, 2015.
Juror: Benjamin Montague, Associate Professor in Photography at Wright State University
- 2014** "HWD 2014: Regional Sculpture Exhibition," Kettering, Ohio, August 25–September 26, 2104.
Juror: Carrie Longley, Assistant Professor of Fine Art, Indiana University East
- "2014 Outdoor Art Exhibit," Sunbury, Ohio, May–October.
Juror: Sydney Schardt, Artist
- "Sculpt EVV - Juried Outdoor Sculpture Show," Evansville, Indiana, June 15, 2013–April 20, 2014.
Juror: Lisa Freiman, Senior Curator and Chair, Dept. of Contemporary Art at Indianapolis Art Museum
- 2013** "HomeMade," Wild Goose Creative Gallery, Columbus, Ohio, December 2–December 29.
Juror: Nicole Crock, Artist
- "North American International Auto Show," Detroit, MI, Chicago, IL, New York, NY, Toronto, CAN, Los Angeles, CA, January 2013–December 2013.
Juror: Brian Kritzmman, Associate Professor, Industrial Design, Wayne State University
- "Ohio Art League Riffe Gallery Exhibition," Riffe Gallery, Columbus, Ohio, January 31–April 14.
Juror: Dennis Harrington, Director of the Weston Art Gallery at Cincinnati Arts Association
- 2012** "Grand Rapids Artprize 2012," Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 19–October 7.
Juror: Cindy Buckner, Associate Curator of Grand Rapids Art Museum
- "Majestic Galleries National Juried Show 2012," Majestic Galleries, Nelsonville, Ohio, June 29–July 20.
Juror: Ken Emerick, Individual Artist Grants and Services Director and Percent for Art Program Director, Ohio Arts Council
- "The 2012 New Projects MFA Thesis Exhibition," Canzani Center Gallery, Columbus, Ohio, March 30–April 27.
- 2011** "After the Pedestal," The Sculpture Center, Cleveland, Ohio, September 16–October 22.
Juror: Barbara Hunt McLanahan, Executive Director of Judd Foundation
- "Transformation," The Concourse Gallery, Upper Arlington, Ohio, August 18–September 16.
- "Ohio State Fair Fine Arts Exhibition," Ohio State Fair, Columbus, Ohio, July 27–August 7.
Juror: Eric Weeks, Assistant Professor at Pennsylvania College of Art & Design
- 2010** "Ohio State Fair Fine Arts Exhibition," Ohio State Fair, Columbus, Ohio, July 27–August 7.
Juror: Melissa Vogley Woods, Artist

COMMISSIONS

- 2015** City of Dayton, Ohio, site specific interior sculpture for the Dayton Metropolitan Library Northwest Branch
- 2013** City of Columbus, Ohio, collaboration with MKSK Studios to design a Gateway Sculpture for the East Franklinton, Ohio neighborhood
- 2012** Lincoln Motor Company, site specific interior sculpture for International Auto Show

AWARDS

- 2014** HWD 2014 - Regional Sculpture Show: Honorable Mention.
- 2013** Sculpt EVV - Juried Outdoor Sculpture Show: Best in Show.
- 2012** Majestic Galleries National Juried Show 2012: Second Place.
- 2010** Ohio State Fair Fine Arts Exhibition: Juror's Choice Award.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2012-2014** **Adjunct Instructor** - Columbus College of Art and Design, Columbus, Ohio
• Foundation Studies/ Fine Arts
- 2011** **Teaching Internship** - Columbus College of Art and Design, Columbus, Ohio
• Foundation Studies/ Fine Arts

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2010-2015** **Exhibit Designer** - Boss Display, Columbus, OH
• Creative design of custom children's museum, science center, visitors' center, and tradeshow exhibitry using 3-D modeling software and hand sketches
• Innovative graphic design for children's museum and science center interactives
• Comprehensive understanding of the materials used in the construction process
- 2009-2010** **Exhibit Designer**
• Freelance
- 2008-2009** **Exhibit Designer** - Roto Studio, Dublin, OH
• Inventive design of custom children's museum and science center exhibitry using 3-D modeling software, as well as hand sketches
• Efficiently supervised the fabrication of exhibits by coordinating the work of in-house engineers with outside fabricators
• Engineered exhibitry and produced completed design intent and fabrication drawings using CADD program
• Broad understanding of the materials used in the construction process
- 2007** **Designer - Design Development** - Chute Gerdeman, Columbus, OH
• Detailed and documented design intent for store fixtures and the environment
• Coordination with graphic designers, lighting designers, and architects
• Facilitated coordination with vendors, fabricators, and contractors
- 1998-2007** **Exhibit Designer and Project Manager** - Boss Display, Columbus, OH
• Innovative design of custom children's museum, science center, visitors' center, and tradeshow exhibitry using 3-D modeling software
• Effectively supervised the construction of displays by coordinating the efforts of in-house craftsmen and graphic designers
• Engineered exhibitry and produced completed drawings using CADD program
• Extensive understanding of the materials used in the construction process
• Proficient with the management of employees and materials to ensure mandated profit margins
• Highly-skillful with the operation and programming of a 5' x 12' CNC router
• Extensive sculpting, painting, and model making skills

Virginia Kistler - References

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Name: Brian Kritzman

Title: Associate Professor, Industrial Design Area Coordinator

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Image List

01

Title: Chiaroscuro - Columbus

Date: 03.2012

Material: Plastic Sheeting, Steel Cable

Dimensions: h 8' x w 8' x d 14'

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Price: \$15,000

Notes: interior sculpture, commissioning agent -Virginia Kistler

02

Title: Chiaroscuro - Columbus

Date: 03.2012

Material: Plastic Sheeting, Steel Cable

Dimensions: h 8' x w 8' x d 14'

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Price: \$15,000

Notes: interior sculpture, commissioning agent -Virginia Kistler

03

Title: Untitled

Date: 2014-2015

Material: Acrylic, Rubber, Stainless Steel Cable

Dimensions: h 6' x w 10'-6" x d 10'-6"

Location: Dayton, Ohio

Price: \$19,800

Notes: computer rendering of commissioned, interior sculpture currently being fabricated.
Commissioned by the Dayton Metropolitan Library Northwest Branch.

04

Title: Chiaroscuro - Indianapolis

Date: 2013

Material: Steel, Aluminum Composite Sheeting

Dimensions: h 5' x w 6' x d 6'

Location: Evansville, Indiana

Project Budget: \$10,000

Notes: exterior sculpture awarded Best in Show at Sculpt EVV

05

Title: Chiaroscuro - Indianapolis

Date: 2013

Material: Steel, Aluminum Composite Sheeting

Dimensions: h 5' x w 6' x d 6'

Location: Evansville, Indiana

Project Budget: \$10,000

Notes: exterior sculpture awarded Best in Show at Sculpt EVV

06

Title: Untitled

Date: 2014

Material: Galvanized Steel

Dimensions: h 21' x w 78' x d 306'

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Project Budget: \$500,000

Notes: computer rendering, concept gateway sculpture being developed in collaboration with MKSK Studios for the Franklinton neighborhood in Columbus, Ohio

07

Title: Chiaroscuro Columbus 02

Date: 12.2012

Material: ABS Plastic Sheeting, Wire

Dimensions: h 2'-4" x w 5' x d 1'

Location: Traveling with the International Auto Show

Project Budget: \$7,500

Notes: commissioned interior sculpture for the Lincoln Motor Company's booth at the International Auto Show

08

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09

Title: Ad Infinitum

Date: 05.2015

Material: Steel, Extira

Dimensions: h 8' x w 44" x d 44"

Location: Toledo, Ohio

Price: \$13,000

Notes: exterior sculpture currently installed at the University of Toledo

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Date: 05.2015

Material: Steel, Extira

Dimensions: h 8' x w 44" x d 44"

Location: Toledo, Ohio

Price: \$13,000

Notes: exterior sculpture currently installed at the University of Toledo